CHAPTER III—REVENUE AND FINANCE.

(i) Revenue and Finance.

366. The statement showing the Receipts and Disbursements of the State, for the year 1954-55, is given in Appendix I.

General Summary.

367. The total Revenue realised during the year was Rs. 2212·03 lakhs and the expenditure met from Revenue was Rs. 2255·04 lakhs resulting in a deficit of Rs. 43·01 lakhs.

368. The total Receipts and Disbursements for the year, including Service, Debt, Deposit and Remittance Heads were Rs. 15,770·59 lakhs and Rs. 15,704·11 lakhs respectively and the year closed with a cash balance of Rs. 625·15 lakhs.

Consolidated Fund—Receipts.

369. As compared with the previous year, large increases appear under the following heads: —

	In lakhs of Rs.
Land Revenue	38·38
Forest Revenue	66·81
Stamp Revenue	12·80
Other Taxes and Duties ...	17·75
Miscellaneous Departments ...	20·10
Miscellaneous	10·41
Education	9·85
Receipts under Motor Vehicles Act	10·08
Rural Development ...	14·52
Receipts from Electricity Schemes	35·58

370. The increases under the above heads are, to some extent set off by large decreases under the following heads: —

	In lakhs of Rs.
Interest	37·73
Civil Works	7·76
Famine Relief	18·69
Extraordinary Receipts ...	21·85

371. The increase under Land Revenue has appeared as a result of the large decrease under 'Refunds'. The increase under 'Forest Revenue' is due to increased receipts under 'Timber and other produce'. The increase under

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'Stamp Revenue' is mainly due to increased receipts under "Sale of Stamps", the increase being set off to a large extent by the large increase under "Refunds", under "Non-Judicial".

Consolidated Fund—Disbursements.

372. The large decrease under 'Interest Receipts' mainly appears under "Miscellaneous". The large increase under 'Interest' during the year 1953-54, was due to the recovery of arrears of interest on the Central share of the Public Debt of the State.

Expenditure met from Revenue

Large increases appear under—

		In lakhs of Rs
1.	Land Revenue	6·78
2.	General Administration ...	9·63
3.	Miscellaneous Departments ...	24·32
4.	Public Instruction	19·39
5.	Medical Charges ...	9·89
6.	Pensions	7·99
7.	Appropriation for Reduction or Avoidance of Debt ...	20·00
8.	Interest on Debt and other obligations	21·03
9.	Industries and Supplies ...	92·18
10.	Rural Development Department...	26·62
11.	Community Development Projects	10·31

While considerable decreases appear under—

		In lakhs of Rs.
1.	Agriculture ... ... and	10·32
2.	Famine Relief	18·69

Capital.

373. The total net capital outlay during the year amounted to Rs. 527·56 lakhs as compared with Rs. 99·55 lakhs during the year 1953-54.

374. Increases appear under all the Capital heads excepting 'Industrial Development' and 'Electricity Schemes'.

Contingency Fund.

375. The entire expenditure met from advances out of the Contingency Fund during the year was recouped in full before the year's accounts were closed and the Fund closed with a creditor balance of Rs. 30 lakhs.

376. There was a net incoming of Rs. 57·19 lakhs under "Other Accounts" and Rs. 110·76 lakhs under "Reserve Funds" with a heavy net outgoing of Rs. 23·73 lakhs under 'State Certificates'. Public Account.

(ii) Excise.

377. In pursuance of the policy of introducing prohibition in the State, two more taluks, *viz.*, Alur and Arkalgud were declared dry with effect from 1st July 1954.

378. With the exception of dry Districts and four taluks in Hassan District *viz.*, Saklespur, Belur, Alur and Arkalgud and two in Bangalore District (Channapatna and Ramanagaram) the Excise and Opium privileges in the several wet Districts for 1954-55 were disposed of by the auction system.

379. Levy of Railway cess was stopped from 14th February 1952.

380. The Mysore Sugar Company Limited, Bangalore continued to be the manufacturing contractors for the supply of liquors. Distillery.

381. The rate of molasses arrack of 35 U.P. payable to Mysore Sugar Company was the same as in the previous year, *viz.*, Re. 0-12-9 per gallon. There was no change in the cost price of special liquor manufactured out of molasses.

382. The rates of bottling charges and packing charges also remained unaltered. The rates payable to Messrs. Mysore Sugar Company Limited from 1st April 1954 to end of March 1955 for the liquors supplied by them to Government Depots were :—

(*a*) Molasses Arrack ... Re. 0-12-9 per gallon.

(*b*) Special Liquors

1. Rs. 2-8-0 (naked) per gallon.
2. Rs. 5 bottling charges in quart bottles per gallon.
3. Rs. 10 bottling charges in pint bottles per gallon.

Packing Charges.

4. Rs. 6 per case of eight gallons in quart bottles
5. Rs. 5 per case of six gallons in pint bottles.